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SUBJECT: DOD INSTALLATION AND ACTIVITY REDUCTIONS, RE-
ALIGNMENT AND CLOSURES

REF: STATE 45432

1. EMBASSY APPRISED FCO OFFICIALLY 3 MARCH OF U.S. DE-
SIRE TO TERMINATE SUPPORT FOR OTH OPERATIONS AT RAF FELT-
WELL AND NIKOLAOS DURING FY75. CONSULTATIONS POSED NO
PROBLEMS AND HMG WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO U.S. INITIATIVE
TERMINATE 440L AGREEMENTS.

2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION SEVERAL QUESTIONS AROSE:

A. USAFADC HAS INDICATED IT PLANS SHUT DOWN 440L
SYSTEM 72 HOURS AFTER "ANNOUNCEMENT".WHICH ANNOUNCEMENT
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DOES ADC HAVE IN MIND - DOD TOTAL SCOPE RELEASE PROPOSED

FOR 6 MARCH 75 OR THAT OF HOST COUNTRY?

B. MOD HAS ASKED 3AF -- WHICH FORWARDED REQUEST TO CSAF LAST WEEK -- FOR DELAY ON OTH PHASEOUT ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL 12 MARCH (TO GIVE LONGER LEADTIME DURING WHICH TO INFORM LOCAL MPS, PREPARE STATION PERSONNEL, ETC.). HAS THIS REQUEST BEEN CONSIDERED?

C. ARE HOST COUNTRIES FREE TO RELEASE AGREED VERBIAGE ON LOCAL PHASEOUT IN CASE LEAKS OCCUR AND FURTHER DELAYS IN ANNOUNCEMENT ARE JUDGED LIKELY TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE?

3. MOD IS URGENTLY PREPARING PROPOSALS FOR STATEMENT AND QS AND AS WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED ASAP. IN MEANTIME EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER PLANNED 6 MARCH RELEASE OF GENERAL TEXT (WHICH LESS THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE RELEASE TIME HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED HERE) IS STILL ON AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, WHAT WE CAN TELL HMG ON FOREGOING QUESTIONS.

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